THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Clause 1. There is one amendment, by the Minister.

Clause - 1 (Short Title)

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I move:

That at page 1, line 2, *for* the bracket and words "(Third (1) Amendment)", the bracket and words "(Second Amendment)" be *substituted*.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was added to the Bill.

The Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I move:

That the Bill, as amended, be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Now, we take up the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): Sir, I move:

That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, this Bill is curative in nature. Now, as per Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, disqualification starts from the date of conviction. What is happening is that, in many cases, supposing a person

has been convicted of rape and is sentenced for 10 years, then, after a period of, say, six years, he is allowed to contest. We are seeking to rectify that anomaly. And, we have also taken note of certain other offences such as offences under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987, the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002. We have included this provision so that if a person is even fined for these offences, he would be disqualified.

Sir, with these words, I request the House to pass this Bill.

The question was proposed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

The question is:

That the Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.
Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): The House is adjourned till 11 o'clock tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at six of the clock, till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 17th December, 2002.

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